

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 37-43 and 52 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein, and please add Claims 53-60, as follows.

Claims 1-43 (Cancelled)

44. (Previously Presented) A toner supply container detachably mountable to an image forming apparatus, comprising:

a toner container configured to accommodate toner, said toner container having a discharge opening, at one end of said toner container, for permitting discharge of the toner;

a feeding member configured and positioned to feed the toner in said toner container toward said discharge opening, said feeding member being supported at an end thereof opposite from said one end of said toner container so as to maintain a rotational center of said feeding member;

a cap rotatable integrally with said feeding member, wherein said cap is configured and positioned to seal said discharge opening, said cap being movable relative to said toner container in a direction of an axis of said feeding member to open and close said discharge opening,

wherein said cap is provided with a coupling portion configured and positioned to receive a rotational driving force from a main assembly of the apparatus, and is supportable by the main assembly so as to maintain a rotational center thereof; and

a sliding portion configured and positioned to cause movement of said cap in the direction of the axis of said feeding member to open and close said cap so that opposite end portions of said feeding member are substantially supported when said cap is at an open position and at a closing position.

45. (Previously Presented) A toner supply container according to Claim 44, wherein said cap is slidable relative to said feeding member.

46. (Previously Presented) A toner supply container according to Claim 45, further comprising a rotational force transmitting portion configured and positioned to transmit a rotational driving force from the main assembly of the apparatus to said feeding member when said discharge opening is opened.

47. (Previously Presented) A toner supply container according to Claim 44, wherein said feeding member is projected out through said discharge opening.

48. (Previously Presented) A toner supply container according to Claim 44, wherein said cap is integral with said feeding member and is slidable relative to said toner container.

49. (Previously Presented) A toner supply container according to Claim 44, further comprising a moving force receiving portion, provided on an outer bottom surface of said

toner container, and configured and positioned to receive a force for moving said toner container relative to said cap.

50. (Previously Presented) A toner supply container according to Claim 44, wherein said discharge opening is adapted to be sealed and unsealed, and wherein an end portion of said feeding member adjacent said discharge opening is non-rotatably supported by said toner container through said cap before said discharge opening is unsealed.

51. (Previously Presented) A toner supply container according to Claim 44, wherein said toner supply container is mountable to and demountable from the main assembly of said apparatus in a feeding direction of said feeding member, wherein said cap is disposed at a leading end with respect to a mounting direction in which said toner supply container is mountable to and demountable from the main assembly of said apparatus.

52. (Canceled)

53. (New) A toner supply container detachably mountable to an image forming apparatus, comprising:

a container body configured to contain toner, said container body containing an opening in one longitudinal end of said container body and configured and positioned to permit the discharge of the toner;

a capping member configured and positioned to cap the opening, said capping member being provided with an extension that extends toward the inside of said container body; and

an engageable portion provided in said container body and engageable with said extension of said capping member, said engageable portion being provided with an opening engageable with said extension of said capping member for coaxial sliding movement relative to said extension by the image forming apparatus,

wherein when the opening in said container body is opened to permit toner discharge therethrough, an engagement between said extension of said capping member and the opening of said engageable portion is maintained, and

wherein said extension of said capping member and the opening of said engageable portion are slidably movable relative to each other from a state in which the opening of said container body is opened to a state in which the opening in said container body is closed.

54. (New) A toner supply container according to Claim 53, wherein said engageable portion is disposed in the other longitudinal end of said container body.

55. (New) A toner supply container according to Claim 54, wherein said extension of said capping member is provided with a feeding portion configured and positioned to feed the toner in said container body toward the opening in said container body.

56. (New) A toner supply container according to Claim 53, wherein said engageable portion has a supporting member supported by said container body at the other longitudinal end of said container body, and the opening of said engageable portion is formed in said supporting member.

57. (New) A toner supply container according to Claim 54, wherein said supporting member has a feeding portion configured and positioned to feed the toner in said container body toward the opening in said container body.

58. (New) A toner supply container detachably mountable to an image forming apparatus, comprising:

a container body configured to contain toner, said container body containing an opening in one longitudinal end of said container body and configured and positioned to permit the discharge of the toner;

a capping member configured and positioned to cap the opening, said capping member being provided with a bore extending from an inner side thereof and having a closed end; and

an engageable portion provided in said container body and engageable with said capping member, said engageable portion having a shaft portion which is coaxially slidable relative to said bore of said capping member by the image forming apparatus,

wherein when the opening in said container body is opened to permit toner discharge therethrough, an engagement between said bore of said capping member and said shaft portion is maintained, and

wherein said bore of said capping member and said shaft portion of said engageable portion are slidably movable relative to each other from a state in which the opening of said container body is opened to a state in which the opening in said container body is closed.

59. (New) A toner supply container according to Claim 58, wherein said shaft portion of said engageable portion projects outwardly from the opening in said container body.

60. (New) A toner supply container according to Claim 58, wherein said shaft portion of said engageable portion has a feeding portion configured and positioned to feed the toner in said container body toward the opening in said container body.